The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

CORPORAL JOHN HENRY PRUITT UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy at Blanc Mont Ridge, France, October 3, 1918. Corporal Pruitt single-handed attacked two machine-guns, capturing them and killing two of the enemy. He then captured 40 prisoners in a dugout nearby. This gallant soldier was killed soon afterward by shell-fire while he was sniping at the enemy.

For the President,

JOSEPHUS DANIELS

Secretary of the Navy